Matador Resources Co Form 4 February 17, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Goodwin Billy E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Matador Resources Co [MTDR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(ensen an approach)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500			02/15/2017	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				SVP - Operations		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group F			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
				X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
DALLAS, TX 75240				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Darivetive Securities Acquired Disposed of or Ranaficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code V	(A) or Amount (D) Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/15/2017		A	$\frac{21,552}{(1)}$ A \$0	99,627 (2)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Expiration Date Expiration Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Pate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 27.26	02/15/2017		A	55,739	(3)	02/14/2023	Common Stock	55,739

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Goodwin Billy E 5400 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240

SVP - Operations

Signatures

/s/ Billy E. Goodwin, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact

02/17/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 15, 2017 that vest in equal annual installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) Includes 19,777 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 19, 2016 that vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) The employee stock options vest in equal annual installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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